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SUBJ: ANNUAL GRANT AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL ABU DHABI

1. BOARD OF TRUSTEES URGENTLY REQUIRE STATUS REPORT REGARDING THEIR PENDING REQUEST FOR USG GRANT TO SCHOOL. SCHOOL HAS UNDERTAKEN MAJOR BUILDING PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND AS RESULT IS HARD PRESSED FOR FUNDS FOR HEAD MASTER SALARY, SCHOOL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS AIR CONDITIONING FOR SCHOOL.

2. BOARD CURRENTLY CONSIDERING TWO MAJOR ITEMS OF EXPENDITURES. ONE THE HIRING OF NEW HEAD MASTER AND TEACHING WIFE AND, SECONDLY THE PLACING OF AN ORDER FOR REPLACEMENT FURNITURE FOR THE NEW SCHOOL. BOTH ENTAIL LARGE OUTLAYS OF FUNDS NOW AND DECISION ON AMOUNT SCHOOL CAN AFFORD WILL BE DETERMINED BY GRANT FUNDS. SPR YOUR INFORMATION, THE TEACHING COUPLE ARE THE REILLYS FROM JIDDA, WHO WERE RECOMMENDED BY DR. PARSONS.

3. I STRONGLY URGE DEPT TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR WHEN THE FUNDS ARE SO BADLY NEEDED. I BELIEVE OUR REQUEST IS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED. IF GRANT ALREADY APPROVED, REQUEST YOU INFORM US TELEGRAPHICALLY OF AMOUNT AND CATEGORIES IT IS TO BE APPLIED TO. IF GRANT NOT YET APPROVED, I URGE YOU TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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